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15-Hour Day, 40-Hour Week For Motor Vehicle Drivers Assailed by Green

A. F. of L. President Tells Interstate Commerce Commission That With Over Eleven Million Jobs the Long Hours "Will Constitute the Most Drastic Single Set-Back Experienced by American Labor Throughout the Entire History of Government Supervision and Regulation of Standards."

Washington, D. C.—Vigorous opposition to the decision of the Interstate Commerce Commission to establish a working day of twelve hours with fifteen hours and a week of sixty hours for drivers of motor vehicles operating on common carriers was expressed by William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, in a statement before the Commission.

The hearing before the Commission resulted from the submission of a joint petition by the American Federation of Labor, the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Shipmen and Helpers of America, the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees and the International Association of Machinists requesting the Commission to postpone the application of the hours regulations "until the Commission finds it possible to devise regulations which are truly reasonable and will effectively prevent unnecessary hardships to the operation of motor vehicles of common and contract carriers."

The petition, Mr. Green said, was in direct response to the deep feeling of the millions and millions of drivers of motor vehicles who are the backbone of the nation's transportation system.

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"The men employed in this great industry, who are at the wheels of the buses transporting passengers across state lines and at the tracks which maintain the movement of commerce, have been asked to sacrifice their health, their safety and their lives in order to maintain the status quo. Their safety has been disregarded and discounted in deference to the demands and claims of the transportation industry."

"It was difficult for these men to believe that in its ruling the Interstate Commerce Commission was acting in the very best of the proceeding here made it clear that the welfare and safety of the people and the nation at large were not the primary consideration in its decision."

Great Reaction For Shorter Hours Movement

Tracing the effect of the new regulations, Mr. Green said, one hundred years ago, the Interstate Commerce Commission was created to regulate the movement of commerce.

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11,232 Workers Are Unemployed

American Federation of Labor Says Employment in Industry and Agriculture Have Declined 2,055,000 of Jobs During the Last Twelve Months

Washington, D. C.—The continued tragic growth of the unemployed army in the United States is dramatically pictured by the American Federation of Labor's current unemployment reports which reveal that over eleven million working men and women, able and willing to perform even the simplest and most menial jobs, are unemployed in March, the latest available figures.

The one hopeful note in the report was the slight check in the increase of unemployment figures for the first part of April.

Although the picture of unemployment presented by the American Federation of Labor is a gloomy one it is brightened a little by the fact that the number of "gleaners" who are employed in the lowest levels of the economy has increased.

"Unless this buying power is cut away by the continued unemployment," the A. F. of L. said, "it is bound to lead to the economic collapse of the nation."

TEXT OF REPORT

Following in the text of the American Federation of Labor's report on unemployment:

The report figures show a slight uptick in employment in March, but it is not enough to offset the decline in the first part of April.

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A. F. of L. Charters Progressive Mine Workers As International Union

Washington, D. C.—The Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor, in session here, issued an international charter to the Progressive Mine Workers of America, extending to the entire coal industry on the American Continent, including mines, coal washers, processing plants and coke ovens.

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Green Mobilizes Organized Labor To Support Wages and Hours Bill

By Direction of A. F. of L. Executive Council, He Calls Upon Union Officials and Members To Urge Their Representatives in Congress To Back Measure Reported By House Labor Committee Providing Minimum Pay and Maximum Work Week; Says It Is Really "The American Federation of Labor Bill."

Washington, D. C.—The American Federation of Labor summoned its members to a special session of the House of Representatives to urge the passage of the Wages and Hours Bill, which was reported by the House Labor Committee.

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Principles Governing Progressive Mine Workers Outlined by Ozanic

President of N. A. F. of L. International Union Says Check-Off System of Dues Collecting Will Be Banned, Rank and File Will Determine Strikes, and Locals Guarded Against Usurpation of Their Rights by International Officers, An Evil Which the United Mine Workers Suffer Under the Domination of John L. Lewis.

Washington, D. C.—Joe Ozanic, president of the International Union of Mine Workers of America, outlined the principles governing progressive mine workers in a statement before the American Federation of Labor.

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